



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Applicants	:	Yoshihiro NAKAHIRA)	Customer No.
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Filed	:	July 7, 2000)	TRADEMARK OFFICE
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For	:	NODE DEVICE AND OPTICAL)	
		NETWORK SYSTEM)	
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Examiner	:	Kinfe Michael Negash)	
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Art Unit	:	2633		
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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 13, 2003, please amend this
application as follows:

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.